



# **Long Term Services and Supports HCBS Rate Study Methodology Workgroup- Assisted Living and Community Living Homes Meeting Agenda**

August 2, 2023  
8 AM (Central) – 9:30 AM (Central)

## **Agenda**

### **1. Welcome**

Claire Payne with Guidehouse (GH) welcomed attendees to the meeting, presented the agenda for the meeting and began facilitating.

### **2. Provider Survey Submission Update**

GH updated attendees on the status of provider cost survey submissions and reminded the attendees of the Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> submission deadline.

### **3. Scope of Project**

GH discussed the purpose of the rate study as it pertains to key deliverables like rate models, fiscal impact, and the final report.

GH outlined its approach to rate recommendations and the elements that go into building a service rate.

### **4. Wage Analysis**

GH walked through the factors incorporated into wage adjustments:

- Survey wages weighted by number of FTEs
- Inflation
- Supplemental pay

GH presented cost trends nationally from BLS data.

GH compared wages in South Dakota (adjusted for inflation) to national averages.

### **5. Peer State Comparisons**

GH discussed the volume of functional assessment tools utilized nationally to determine LTSS needs and patient acuity.



GH outlined the prevalence of the InterRAI-HC assessment tool across the country and its prominence as an emerging standard evaluation instrument.

GH identified Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Montana Nebraska, North Dakota, and Wyoming as peer states for which LTSS rate methodologies and values would be examined.

GH outlined the key LTSS rate and program themes among peer states.

- Most peer states utilize 1-3 rate tiers for assisted living services.
- States without standard adult day service rates have separate social and health model adult day rates.
- Community Living Home programs vary significantly in structure between states.
- Peer state meal rates are largely structured as a single statewide rate per meal.

GH presented on the rates, methodologies, and assessment tools for assisted living services in Indiana, Montana, Nebraska, Wyoming, Iowa, and Minnesota.

GH presented on the rates, methodologies, and assessment tools for Community Living Home-like programs in Idaho (Certified Family Homes), Indiana (Adult Family Care), and Minnesota (Adult Foster Care).

## **6. Advisory Workgroup Timeline and Next Steps**

GH presented the dates and plans for the next 3 Workgroup meetings.

GH identified the next Workgroup meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup> as being centered on the results of the cost and wage survey as well as preliminary rate components.

## **7. Adjournment @ 9:15 AM (Central)**

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